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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously amended) A multi-functional sailboard comprising:

a buoyant body having a longitudinal axis and oppositely spaced bow and stern sections, said body including a seating section integral with said bow section and extending rearwardly therefrom along a path substantially parallel to the axis and ending generally medially between the bow and stern sections, said body further including a dagger extending downwardly therefrom;

a mast section connected to said bow section of said body and being movable in a substantially linear direction between raised and lowered positions, said mast section comprising

an elongated stationary mast,

an elongated movable mast disposed proximate to said stationary mast,

a plurality of clamps for slidably coupling said movable mast to said stationary mast, and

a sail comprising means for selectively maintaining said mast section at a substantially stable position;

a back rest extending upwardly from said body and being disposed adjacent said seating section for allowing a user to lean thereagainst during operating conditions; and

a sculling section secured to said stern section of said body and for assisting a user to steer said sailboard, said sculling section comprising

a traveler secured to said body and including a bar extending thereacross at an elevated position, and

a rudder having oppositely disposed gripping and tiller portions and comprising a bearing member for operably maneuvering said rudder about said stern

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section of said sailboard so that a user can steer said tiller portion of said rudder by selectively moving said gripping portion under said bar.

2. (Previously amended)The multi-functional sailboard of claim 1, wherein said mast section maintaining means comprises:

a flexible halyard for hoisting and lowering said sail and being secured to said movable mast; and

a cleat member having a pair of outwardly projecting horns about which said halyard may be wrapped so that said mast section can be maintained at a substantially stable position.

3. (Currently amended)The multi-functional sailboard of claim 2, wherein said mast section maintaining means further comprises:

a hook and loop fastener is attached to said sail for assisting to lower said sail secured to said movable mast.

4. (Original)The multi-functional sailboard of claim 1, wherein said sculling section further comprises:

a helical spring member having opposed end portions connected to said rudder and to said back rest for causing said rudder to return to a central position after being moved to a lateral position.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Original)The multi-functional sailboard of claim 1, wherein said back rest comprises:

a plurality of vertically oriented support members for suspending said back rest at a predetermined height; and

a plurality of cleats for maintaining a rear portion of said sail at a predetermined position.

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7. (Currently amended)The multi-functional sailboard of claim 51, wherein said sculling section further comprises:

- an eye clip secured to said body and adjacent said stern section; and
- a cord having opposed end portions connected to said eye clip and to said rudder.

8. (Previously amended)A multi-functional sailboard comprising:

- a buoyant body having a longitudinal axis and oppositely spaced bow and stern sections, said body including a seating section integral with said bow section and extending rearwardly therefrom along a path substantially parallel to the axis and ending generally medially between the bow and stern sections, said body further including a dagger extending downwardly therefrom;

- a mast section connected to said bow section of said body and being movable in a substantially linear direction between raised and lowered positions, said mast section comprising

- an elongated stationary mast,
 - an elongated movable mast disposed proximate to said stationary mast,
 - a plurality of clamps for slidably coupling said movable mast to said stationary mast, and

- a sail comprising means for selectively maintaining said mast section at a substantially stable position;

- a back rest extending upwardly from said body and being disposed adjacent said seating section for allowing a user to lean thereagainst during operating conditions; and

- a sculling section secured to said stern section of said body and for assisting a user to steer said sailboard, said sculling section comprising

- a traveler secured to said body and including a bar extending thereacross at an elevated position, said traveler for allowing a pulley to glide from slide-to-slide for maintaining said sail at a select position, and

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a rudder having oppositely disposed gripping and tiller portions and comprising a bearing member for operably maneuvering said rudder about said stern section of said sailboard so that a user can steer said tiller portion of said rudder by selectively moving said gripping portion under said bar, and

a helical spring member having opposed end portions connected to said rudder and to said back rest for causing said rudder to return to a central position after being moved to a lateral position.

9. (Previously amended)The multi-functional sailboard of claim 8, wherein said mast section maintaining means comprises:

a flexible halyard for hoisting and lowering said sail and being secured to said movable mast; and

a cleat member having a pair of outwardly projecting horns about which said halyard may be wrapped so that said mast section can be maintained at a substantially stable position.

10. (Currently amended)The multi-functional sailboard of claim 9, wherein said mast section maintaining means further comprises:

a hook and loop fastener is attached to said sail for assisting to maintain said sail secured to said movable mast.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original)The multi-functional sailboard of claim 8, wherein said back rest comprises:

a plurality of vertically oriented support members for suspending said back rest at a predetermined height; and

a plurality of cleats for maintaining a rear portion of said sail at a predetermined position.

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13. (Currently amended)The multi-functional sailboard of claim ~~118~~, wherein said sculling section further comprises:
an eye clip secured to said body and adjacent said stern section; and
a cord having opposed end portions connected to said eye clip and to said rudder.